

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Highways began 100 years ago as the State Highway Commission, and in 1973 the modern South Dakota Department of Transportation evolved from the Department of Highways with the addition of the Division of Aeronautics and further advanced by adding the Division of Railroads in 1975; and,

Whereas, The Department has bridged the Missouri River and other major waters; built roads, expressways, and Interstate highways; supported aviation; sponsored public transit; provided bikeway and pedestrian routes; and, bought, restored, and preserved critical rail lines connecting our economy; and,

Whereas, The Department has been at the forefront of innovation, applied science and engineering, economics, automated data collection and management, and long range decision-making and public involvement; and,

Whereas, The Department has efficiently connected cities and rural areas; enabled commerce, job creation, and economic development; enhanced tourism; improved transportation to health care and other services; supported agriculture; and, lowered the cost of transportation and goods by efficiently linking people and products to distant regional, national, and global markets, thus, advancing South Dakota's interests; and,

Whereas, This distinguished anniversary should be commemorated to honor a century of achievement and public service from past and present Department of Transportation employees and to celebrate the long-term success of the Transportation Commission, the Railroad Board, the Aeronautics Commission, Legislators, Governors, the Congressional delegation, Contractors, and other individuals and agencies that have kept South Dakota and the nation connected and moving toward a bright future:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 13, 2017, as

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DAY



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State